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In re Application of
Schuegraf, DeBoer, and Thakur
Application No. 08/902,809
Filed: July 30, 1997
For: Selective Spacer Technology to
Prevent Metal Oxide Formation During
Polycide Reoxidation

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: **DECISION ACCORDING STATUS**
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed February 13, 1998.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has established that joint inventor Schuegraf has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status and the Office of Initial Patent Examination is authorized to:

- (1) accept this application under Rule 1.47(a);
- (2) process the application with the inventors being Schuegraf, DeBoer, and Thakur, using the Declaration filed on February 13, 1998; and
- (3) mail a filing receipt with a filing date of July 30, 1997.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703)306-3159.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karin Tyson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Mr. Schuegraf:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703)305-9285. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703)308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703)308-9726 or 1(800)972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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